and agreed to put in place all the necessary infrastructure and mechanism in their States for speedy implementation of the Scheme.

Naxalite activities

2235. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of naxalites have increased manifold in selected States in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the sources of funding to naxalites have been assessed by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of properties damaged and persons killed/injured by naxalites during the last six months; and

(e) the details of assistance provided by Union Government to such affected States during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The number of violent incidents perpetrated by LWE outfits increased to 1465 in 2002 as against 1208 in 2001;

(b) and (c) The naxalites are reportedly extorting money from the contractors engaged in various activities including construction and marketing of forest produce and Government servants/ professionals etc.

(d) During the last six months (September 2002 to February, 2003), naxalite oufits have killed 271 persons and caused injuries to 192 persons.

(e) The Central Government has provided financial assistance for modernization of the States Police Forces and also deployed CPMFs as per the needs of the LWE affected States. Besides Rs. 96.70 crores was reimbursed to LWE affected States under SRE till 31.12.2002.

Apprehending parking attendants

2236. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: